

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Igor SPLAWSKI et al.)
Serial No. Not yet assigned) Examiner:
Filed: Herewith) Group Art Unit:
For: ALTERATIONS IN THE LONG QT)
SYNDROME GENES KVLQT1 AND)
SCN5A AND METHODS FOR)
DETECTING SAME)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please make the following amendments which are summarized below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph from lines 6-8 for the purpose of updating the cross reference to related applications.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-25, 31-33 and 45-49.

Marked-up copies of the original text of the specification paragraph is attached to this amendment. Material inserted is indicated by underlining and material deleted is indicated by square brackets.

Clean Copy of Page 1, Paragraph on Lines 6-8

The present invention is a divisional of Serial No. 09/634,920 filed 9 August 2000 and is related to provisional application Serial No. 60/190,057 filed 17 March 2000, and is also related to provisional application Serial No. 60/147,488 filed 9 August 1999, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

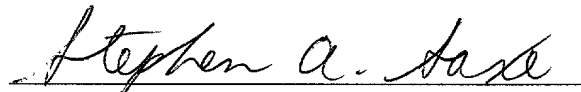
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REMARKS

This application is filed as a divisional of Serial No. 09/634,920 which was filed 9 August 2000. The amendment to the specification is to include reference to Serial No. 09/634,920 as a parent application to which priority is claimed. The parent application was subject to a restriction requirement. This amendment to the claims cancels the claims of Groups I, II, III, V and VI of the restriction requirement imposed in the parent application, thereby leaving the claims of Group IV (claims 26-30, 34-44 and 50) for examination in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Marked-Up Copy of Specification

Amended Page 1: Paragraph on Lines 6-8: Version with markings to show changes made

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